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EDITORIAL NOTES

U S Grant, Jr., son of the deceased ex President, was one of the bolters at St. Louis.

The Wilmington Messenger says Senator Butler will speak in Wilmington next Friday night, 26th, on the financia! question.

Now that the Republican convention has declared against free coinage, free trade and free salvation, Satan ought to be happy.

we could witness a bolt from the old Silver alone will not be the issue. party conventions. It came. Surely platform very near like the Omaha ting the gold Democrats to do their the world is growing better.

weekly paper in this State to publish | free coinage. Important as that measthe Republican national platform | ure is, it is but one spoke in the money | in a tempting manner. Read it in anoth r column.

It is barely possible that Mr. Hobart, the Republican nominee for the Vice-Presidency, is the long lost Charlie Poss sailing under another name.

If the Democratic convention de clares for free coinage 16 to 1 it will be constructed to mean 16 chances to 1 that they will not carry out the promise.

The Democrats are beginning to accuse the Populists of wanting spoils longer and make more or less noise, again. Probably the Pops are about to spoil the Democratic free coinage saw dust swindle.

Dun's Commercial Agency reports 276 failures for the week ending Saturday against 228 for the same week last year. That is the way the panic is subsiding.

Platforms are made to get in on. If the Democrats insert a silver plank you may know what that means. They are for gold at heart, and their votes in Congress is evidence enough.

There is nothing short about the Re publican platform. Treat it like you do long novels. See what it is about and then look at the last chapter and see what became of the handsome fel low with the blonde mustache.

Every man is known by the company he keeps. Certain popular Demo crats in this State may hope to run through on their popularity. That will not work this year. They will be weighed according to the company they are keeping.

next November, and were they to pass a free coinage bill, everbody, Demo crats included, would be so surprised the good times.

"Why do the gold Democrats cling to terly. the party if they fear that it will, if elected, adopt free coinage?" The main reason is that they have no such fear. The Democratic party is simply a part anything in the shape of a man. The ever he leaves the job we are all pay. of the Wall street sideshow. The Republican party is the other half, and reports come from other counties. gold Democrats make themselves at Many townships had no primaries at let him wait until we get through with home in either wing. They calculate all-no Democrats left. Here is the him. In the meantime the people who that it will take the Democratic party | news the Vestibule brings from Cabara thousand and eighty years to reform, rus county: so they are in no danger at all.

OUTLOOK FOR REFORM GROWS BRIGHTER.

The adoption of a gold standard platform by the National Republican convention clears up the situation wonderfully. Of course that party has been regarded as one controlled by the money power ever since 1873 But it was too shrewd to come out boldly, and had it adopted a bimetallic platform and nominated a decent man for President this year, and with the great dissatisfaction against the present Democratic administration, the Republicans probably would have had a walkover. But the money power was too greedy. Flushed with success in manipulating the Democratic party, they at one step took charge of the Rapublican machine and made it come out openly for the gold standard and emphatically against silver.

Now there is no excuse for any one to be longer deceived. The Democratic party ruthlessly demonetized silver in 1893, having at that time the President and a maj rity in both Houses of Congress. O course some Democrats protested, but nine tenths of them apanother office ! State the one at which | plauded. But few of those who entered a protest have had the manhood to leave the party as did Teller and others.

> For several years we have wanted to see the old parties unmasked. They have done it themselves. The Demo cratic party by acts and now the Republican party pledges itself to do the bidding of the money power in the future. So they are both committed. There can be no retreat. Death bed repentances are well enough in individual cases, but they never amount to much with political parties. Some of the Democrats in the South and West to silver now. Too late! They are as deep into the goldbug mud as the Republicans are in the mire. A free coinage plank and candidate at Chi cago will not inspire confidence; it will all the time. be treated with mistrust and derision.

St. Louis on the 22nd of July. Possi Congressmen in a good many districts will furnish the base of operations. It THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is the first | is absurd to talk about the one issue of | question wheel.

More people are killed every tim they settle a feud in Kentucky than have fallen in the war for Cuban inde pendence in the last twelve months.

SMALL PRIMARIES AND CONVEN TIONS.

The Democrats have played their last card, and lost. No mustake about this. The old carcass may kick a little but it is dying. By using disinfectants it may get some voters to venture up this fall, but they will be nauseated.

Great scheme was that free coinage splutter! "We'll get the Populists and the free coinage Republicans,' they said, and then they patted themselves on the back. They even talked about nominating a Populist for President. There was everything to gain, much to loose, they lost. L'ke an electric shock the free coinage wave shot over the country. The gold men were asked to take a back seat, and they did in some States. "Wait until you see us turn some tricks," said the schemers. And they waited.

Populists. But we believe that the a spittoon." Yes, Grover, you have encourage the men who are hanging lucky if you get off that light, however. back just waiting to see how the drop will fall. But the plan failed. Since the orders came out, we know not where from, but they came, to start If the Democrats should get elected the free silver cry, there has been no up a case against us for denying J. and started the panic that has rent that they would all drop dead in their business assunder for the benefit of two hours to get out of that city, and tracks, and there wouldn't be anything | Wall street gamblers and English bond | that assertion should embrace every but a howling wilderness left to enjoy buyers. All over the South the pricity, town and neighborhood in the maries and county conventions have We often hear this question asked: been small affairs. The plan failed ut-

"So far as heard from there were he leaves his work.

present at the Dem. primaries in No. 1 township, 6, in No. 2-0, in No. 7-2, in No. 8-3, in No. 9-0, several town ships yet to hear from."

Thus it seems that you can't fool all

the people all the time. News from other States is of the same kind. In the meantime the faces of silver (') Democrats are growing longer every day. They see the hand writing on the wall. They see that th voters are not paying any attention a all to their pretended devotion to the white metal. In fact, by talking free coinage now the Democrats are simply strengthening the position of the Popu lists, who they have so heartily de nounced all the while, and the voters are looking to the Populists for relief, they being the only party that has m intained a consistent position. The fact that the Florida State Democratic convention declared for gold, has aided in throwing a damper over the schemers. Florida would not be drawn into the deceptive plan and dcc'ared for gold, just as all the other Southern States would have done if they hadn't been trying to fool somebody. The Democratic party is not committed to gold by platform pledges, but by its own administration in the past three years, and it needn't try to practice or preach anything else

General Weyler is pushing things to a close in Cuba. With 175,000 well armed men on land and the Spanish navy on the water, he has succeeded in driving half a dozen New York newspaper correspondents out of Cuba in the short space of six months.

HERE IS THE EXPLANATION.

With a pretty display of childdish ness the Charlotte Observer wants to know why the silver Democrats don't make some overtures to the gold Dem ocrats instead of courting the Populists

We will try to explain the matter by Now the people can take a turn and | telling the Observer alittle story. Once they are going to do it. The better ele- upon a time a dog trainer was exhibit ments of all parties will get together at ing his animals to an audience. The trainer held a nice piece of beef in his bly not many of the prominent leaders han 1. As each dog was brought out will turn out. It is said that leaders the meat was held near him until he always change with the voters. This did the tricks expected. Then another will not hold good when the money dog was brought forward. A man in power has something on foot. It buys the audience wanted to know why the leaders. But the voters from Maine | the trainer deceived the dogs so shame to California are standing ready. The fully, why he didn't reward the dog. new party will likely carry every Said the trainer. "I make the first Southern and Western State, and elect one bilieve that he is going to get the meat, he does his tricks all right, and At last! We have been waiting until in the Central and Northern States. then I keep the beef to fool some other dog." The silver Democrats are get tricks without the "overtures" or the "meat." They are trying to fool the Populist "dog" by holding up the beef

But if it will cheer up the weary soul of the Observer any, we will tell it that it is in as good standing in "the party" as the so called silver D mocrats. They are nearly all gold men at heart or they wouldn't be in that p .rty, and most of them secretly love the gold D. mocrats, for no matter how low a man gets he admires boldness and consistency. The gold men are the true Dimocrats nowadays, and ought to kick everybody else out of the convention, since it is positively known that the Democratic party has espoused the gold cause and is carrying out the wishes of the goldbugs. We hate the goldbug idea, but we have more respect for the position taken by such papers as the Observer and other Dem ocratic gold s andard sheets than we have for the silver paper still running under Democratic colors. They would not be backing up the D mocratic party if they meant business. The only consistent thing to do is for the so-called silver people to stand by gold, quit harping on silver, or get out of the party.

His Royal fatness, he of the backbore Now, as we see it, the D mocrats as big as a telegraph pole, the Presithought they had one chance in a dent, is quoted as saying: "The whole thousand to capture at least part of the | country seems determined to use me as great object was to pull together and struck it right at last. You will be

----HE IS A PUBLIC SERVANT.

The Charlotte Observer tries to make Sterling Morton freedom of speech. party that demonetized silver in 1893 We did say that the citizens of San Francisco cught to have given him United States It depends entirely upon what a man says as to whether or not you give him freedom of speech. An Only a few days ago the Wake coun incendiary speaker, a financial anty convention was held. Five large archist and bomb throwing liar like J. townships were not represented by Sterling should have attention whenothers had small delegations. Similar ing him to hold down in Washington. If John Bull wants to hire J Sterling earth. are footing the bills, have a right to order J. Sterling back home whenever

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

HIGH TARIFF RATES.

We renew and emphasiz; our allegiance to the policy of protection as the bulwark of American industrial in dependence and the found ation of American development and prosperity. The true American policy taxes foreign products and encourages home industry; it puts the burden of revenue on foreign goods; it secures the American market for the American producer; it upholds the American standard of wages for the American workingman; it puts the factory by the side of the farm and makes the American farmer less dependent on foreign demand and price; it diffuses general thrift and founds the strength of all on the strength of each. In its reasonable application it is just, fair, and impartial, equally opposed to foreign control and domestic monopoly, to sectional dis crimination and individual favoritism. We denounce the present Democratic

tariff as sectional, injurious to the pub lic credit, and destructive to business enterprise. We demand such an equitable tariff on foreign imports which come into competition with American products as will not only furnish adequate revenue for the necessary ex penses of the Government, but will protect American labor from degradation to the wage level of other lands. schedules. The question of rates is a practical question, to be governed by the conditions of the time and produc tion; the ruling and uncompromising hez ards and at any cost. principle is the protection and devel opment of American labor and industry. The country demands a right set tlement, and then it wants rest.

RECIPROCITY AND PROTECTION, TWINS. We believe the repeal of the recipro city arrangement by the last Republi can Administration was a National ca lamity, and we demand their renewal and extention on such terms as will

go hand in hand. Democratic rule has itants. recklessly struck down both, and both must be re established. Protection for what we produce; free admission for the necessaries of life which we do not produce; reciprocal agreements of mu

outlet for our surplus PROTECTION FOR SUGAR GROWERS Republican Party favors such protecthey pay other counties more than give independence to the island. \$100,000,000 annually.

WOOL AND WOOLENS. sheep husbandry, as well as to the finished woolens of the mill, we promise

the most ample protection. MERCHANT MARINE.

We favor restoring the early American policy of discriminating duties for the upbuilding of our merchant marine and the protection of our shipping in the foreign carrying trade, so that American shipt- the product of American labor employed in American ship owned by Americans - may regain the Lieither read nor write. carrying of our foreign commerce.

FINANCIAL DECLARATION.

The Republican party is unreserved ly for sound money. It caused the en actment of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments in 1879; since then every dollar has been as good as gold.

We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of our country. We are therefore opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the lead ing commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote. and until such agreement can be ob tained the existing gold standard must be preserved. All our silver and paper currency must be maintained at parity | pected or charged with crime, without with gold, and we favor all measures designed to maintain inviolably the obligations of the United States, and all our money, whether coin or paper, at the present standard, the standard of the most enlightened nations of the

FAVOR LIBERAL PENSIONS.

The veterans of the Union armies deserve and should receive fair treatment and generous recognition. When

the preference in the matter of employment, and they are entitled to the enactment of such laws as are best cal culated to secure the fulfillment of the pledges made to them in the dark days of the country's peril. We denounce the practice in the Pension Bureau, so recklessly and unjustly carried on by the present Administration, of reducing pensions and arbitrarily dropping names from the rolls, as deserving the severest condemnation of the Ameri

Our foreign policy should be at all times firm, vigorous and dignified, and all our interests in the Western Hemis

FUREIGN RELATIONS.

can people.

phere carefully watched and guarded. The Hawaiian Islands should be con trolled by the United States, and no foreign power should be permitted to to interfere with them; the Nicaragua Canal should be built, owned and operated by the United States, and by the purchase of the Danis's Islands we should secure a proper and much

needed naval station in the West Indies.

ARMENIAN MASSACRES The massacres in Armenia have aroused the deep sympathy and just indignation of the American people, and we believe that the United States should exercise all the influence it can properly exert to bring these atrocities to an end. In Turkey American residents have been exposed to the gravest We are not pledged to any particular dangers and American property de stroyed. There and everywhere Amer ican citizens and American property must be absolutely protected at all

THE MONROE DOCTRINE,

We re assert the Monroe Doctrine in its full extent, and we re-affirm the right of the United States to give the doctrine effect by responding to the appeals of any American State for in the full assurance that the election friendly intervention in case of Eu ropean encroachment. We have not interfered, and shall not interfere, with the existing possessions of any Euro equalization trade with other nations, pean power in this hemisphere, but remove the restrictions which now ob | those possessions must not, on any pre struct the sale of American products text, be extended. We hopefully look in the parts of other countries, and se forward to the eventual withdrawal of cure enlarged markets for the produc | the European powers from this hemi tion of our farms, forests and factories. sphere, to the ultimate union of all of Protection and reciprocity are twin the English speaking part of the conti measures of Republican policy, and nent by the free consent of its inhab

SYMPATHY FOR CUBA

From the hour of achieving their own independence the people of the United States have regarded with sym pathy the struggles of other American tual interest which gain open markets peoples to free themselves from Euro for us in return for our open markets pean domination. We watch with to others. Protection builds up domes- | deep and abiding interest the heroic tic industry and trade and secures our | battle of the Cuban patriots against own market for ourselves; reciprocity cruelty and oppression, and our best builds up foreign trade and finds an hopes go out for the full success of their determined contest for liberty.

The Government of Spain, having We condemn the present Auminis [lost control of Cuba, and being unable tration for not keeping faith with the to protect the property or lives of resi sugar producers of this country. The dent American citizens, or to comply with its treaty obligations, we believe tion as will lead to the production on that the Government of the United American soil of all the sugar which States should actively use its influence the American people use, and for which and good offices to restore place and

NAVY SHOULD BE ENLARGED.

The peace and security of the Re To all our products -- to those of the public and the maintenance of its mine and the field as well as those of rightful influence among the nations the shop and factory - to hemp, to wool, of the earth demand a naval power the product of the great industry of commensurate with its position and responsibility. We therefore favor the continued enlargement of the navy and a complete system of harbor and seacoast defenses.

FOREIGN IMMIGRATION

For the protection of the equality of our American citizenship, and of the wages of our workingmen against the fatal competition of low-priced labor, we demand that the immigration laws be thoroughly enforced, and ways so yards, sailing under the S ars and extended as to exclude from entrance Stripes, and manned, officered, and to the United States those who can

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

The civil service law was placed on the statute book by the Republican the outcome at Chicago next month party, which has always sustained it, and we renew our repeated declarations that it shall be thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever practicable.

FREE AND UNRESTRICTED BALLOT. We demand that every citizen of the United States shall be allowed to cast deceive the voters, though it will be

that such ballot shall be counted and returned as cast. CONDEMN LYNCHINGS We proclaim our unqualified con-

ing or killing of human beings, sus-

process of law.

demnation of the uncivilized and bar-

barous practices, well known as lynch-

NATIONAL ARBITRATION. We favor the creation of a National Board of Arbitration to settle and adjust differences which may arise between employers and employed engaged in inter-State commerce.

FREE HOMESTEADS.

We believe in an immediate return to the free-homestead policy of the Republican party, and urge the passage ever practicable they should be given by Congress of the satisfactory free

homestead measure which has already passed the House and is now pending in the Senate.

ADMISSION OF TERRITORIES We favor the admission of the remaining Territories at the earliest practicable date, having due regard to the interests of the people of the Territories and of the United States. All the Fed. eral officers appointed for the Territories should be selected from bonefile residents thereof, and the right of selfgovernment should be accorded as far as practicable.

ALASKA IN CONCRESS We believe the citizens of Auska

should have representation in the Congress of the United States, to the end that needful legislation may be untell ligently enacted. A TEMPERANCE PLANK.

We sympathize with all wise and legitim ate efforts to lesson and prayers the evils of intemperance and promote morality.

RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

The Republican party is mindful of the rights and interests of women Protection of American industries in cludes equal opportunities, (qual pay for equal work, and protection to the home. We favor the admission of wamen to wider spheres of usefulness and welcome their co operation in rescuing the country from Democratic and Populistic mismanagement and misrule.

Such are the principles and policies of the Republican party. By these principles we will abide, and these policies we will put into execution. We ask for them the considerate judgment of the American people. Confident alike in the bistory of our great party and in the justice of our cause, we present our platform and our candidates will bring victory to the Republican party and prosperity to the people of . the United States.

Now the gold Democrate say the Populists are trying to crawfish: that they don't want free coinage; that they are willing to put it in their platform, but the Populists say they won't vote for it if they do. Perhaps there is something in it. We have not been able to find a Populist who is willing to have the kind of free coinage Cleveland has been giving us, even at the ratio of 16 to 1. Populists want free coinage, they want it bad, but not Democratic free coinage. They love Democratic free coinage like a dog loves a whipping.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

There were but few unexpected results at the R publican National Convention, held at St. Louis last week. The platform declares unequivocally for the gold standard, for protection, and against free coinage. The real silver men bolted, which was expected. McKinley was nominated, as was expreted. Hibart, of New Jersey, was nominated for vice president. That was not expected, for he had never been heard of. He is not known outside of his own township and Wall street, but he must be well known in Wall street or he would never have been nominated.

There were many disgraceful scenes. Senator Teller and Cannon, and other able and good men were hissed and ered. When a portion of the silver delegates from a number of States left the convention there was pandemonium. A portion of the delegates from Minnesota, California, Colorado, Montana, Utah, Nebraska, Nevada and other States bolted. They have issued an able address to the voters of the country. There will be a gathering of the hosts at St. Louis on the 22 id of July. There will be the only real people's convention held this year.

It was thought that every Southern State Democratic convention would de clare for silver, but Fiorida went for gold, almost two to one. That makes still more uncertain. Tae gold men are working like beavers and it will not surprise us to see a gold platform and candidate. That certainly would seem the proper thing to do. But it is possible that a silver plank may be incorporated with the hope that it may one free and unrestricted ballot, and regarded as a fake, and will cause the party to loose many voters, in fact will cripple it so it will cut a very small figure hereafter.

HARNETT COUNTY CONVENTION

LILLINGTON, N. C., June 16, 1896. The Populists of the several town. ships of Harnett county are requested to meet at the voting places on Saturday, July 4th, at 2 p. m., for the pufpose of electing five delegates to attend the county convention to be held at Lillington on the first Monday in July. (the 6th) 1896, to elect delegates to the several conventions and attend to any other business necessary.

All persons interested in the question of more money are requested to meet with us without regard to color or party. By order of

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